

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1-4, 13, 14 and 17 and leaves claims 6-12, 15, 16 and 18 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-4 6-18.

The present Amendment is being filed so as to clarify the description of the present invention particularly as it relates to the first, second and third storage subsystems and the first and second computers as recited in the claims. These amendments are being presented so as to clarify the description of the invention so that the public is fully apprised of the meets and bounds of the claimed invention.

The amendments made to the claims do not change the scope of the claims nor do they require further consideration and/or search on the part of the Examiner. The amendments simply clarify the description of the invention. Accordingly, the claims are still allowable over the prior art of record for the very same reasons as set forth by the Examiner in the May 24, 2006 Notice of Allowability. Accordingly, entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (566.43181X00).

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